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) METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
) ESTABLISHING A TRUSTED AND
) DECENTRALIZED PEER-TO-PEER
) NETWORK
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of July 2, 2007, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows.